

(2) *determine the grant categories that correspond to the needs identified under Subdivision (1); and*

(3) *identify any discrepancy between the needs identified under Subdivision (1) and the services available to address those needs.*

(c-2) *On completion of the needs assessment and other determinations under Subsection (c-1), the commission shall incorporate the results of the assessment and determinations into the commission's process for awarding grants from the fund for veterans' assistance.*

SECTION 2. Not later than June 1, 2016, the Texas Veterans Commission shall conduct the initial needs assessment, make determinations, and incorporate the results of the assessment and determinations as required by Sections 434.017(c-1) and (c-2), Government Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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**TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION AND THE APPOINTMENT OF  
AN ATTORNEY AD LITEM OR GUARDIAN AD LITEM IN  
CERTAIN SUITS AFFECTING THE PARENT-CHILD  
RELATIONSHIP**

**CHAPTER 211**

S.B. No. 1929

**AN ACT**

**relating to the transfer of jurisdiction and the appointment of an attorney ad litem or guardian ad litem in certain suits affecting the parent-child relationship.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Sections 155.207(a) and (c), Family Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) *Not later than the 10th working day after [On] the date [signing of] an order of transfer is signed, the clerk of the court transferring a proceeding shall send to the proper court in the county to which transfer is being made:*

(1) *the pleadings in the pending proceeding and any other document specifically requested by a party;*

(2) *certified copies of all entries in the minutes; [and]*

(3) *a certified copy of each final order; and*

(4) *a certified copy of the order of transfer signed by the transferring court.*

(c) *On receipt of the pleadings, documents, and orders from the transferring court, the clerk of the transferee court shall docket the suit and shall notify the judge of the transferee court, all parties, the clerk of the transferring court, and, if appropriate, the transferring court's local registry that the suit has been docketed.*

SECTION 2. Section 262.203, Family Code, is amended by adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

(d) *An order of transfer must include:*

(1) *the date of any future hearings in the case that have been scheduled by the transferring court;*

(2) any date scheduled by the transferring court for the dismissal of the suit under Section 263.401; and

(3) the name and contact information of each attorney ad litem or guardian ad litem appointed in the suit.

(e) The court to which a suit is transferred may retain an attorney ad litem or guardian ad litem appointed by the transferring court. If the court finds that the appointment of a new attorney ad litem or guardian ad litem is appropriate, the court shall appoint that attorney ad litem or guardian ad litem before the earlier of:

(1) the 10th day after the date of receiving the order of transfer; or

(2) the date of the first scheduled hearing after the transfer.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an order of transfer rendered in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship on or after the effective date of this Act. An order of transfer in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship rendered before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the order was rendered, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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## DEFERRED MAINTENANCE FUNDING FOR STATE FACILITIES

### CHAPTER 212

S.B. No. 2004

#### AN ACT

**relating to deferred maintenance funding for state facilities.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. (a) The Joint Oversight Committee on Government Facilities is created to review deferred maintenance plans and receive implementation updates.

(b) The committee is composed of six members as follows:

(1) three members of the senate appointed by the lieutenant governor; and

(2) three members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(c) The committee chair shall alternate annually between a member of the senate appointed by the lieutenant governor and a member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker, beginning with a member of the senate.

(d) If this Act takes effect immediately, the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of representatives shall make appointments to the committee not later than July 1, 2015. If this Act takes effect September 1, 2015, the lieutenant governor and speaker shall make appointments to the committee not later than September 15, 2015.

(e) The committee shall biannually provide a written status report to the legislature that includes the amount of money expended from the deferred maintenance fund, the deferred maintenance projects to be completed through expenditures from the fund, and the status of ongoing and completed projects.

(f) The committee may exercise any powers of a joint committee. The cost of operation of the committee may be borne in the same manner as the cost of a joint committee. The